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In re Patent No. 6,954,613 :  
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Application No. 09/658,215 : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
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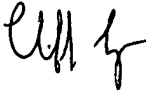
This is a decision on the petition to reinstate an expired patent under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed October 4, 2010.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified patent issued October 11, 2005. Accordingly, the first maintenance fee could have been paid during the period from October 11, 2008 through April 11, 2009 without surcharge, or with a late payment surcharge during the period from April 12, 2009 through October 11, 2009. No maintenance fee having been received, the patent expired on October 12, 2009.

Since the instant petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c). The maintenance fee in this case is accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries specific to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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